

A photograph of the interior of a church, showing the altar area. The altar is a large, ornate wooden structure with a central cross. The background features a large, arched window with intricate tracery. The church has high ceilings and arched piers on either side of the altar. The lighting is warm, and the overall atmosphere is solemn and reverent.

GROWING FOR GOD'S GLORY

SAINT JAMES AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2003 ANNUAL REPORT

# *Growing for God's Glory*

## **Vision Statement**

**To grow fully mature Christians through  
Spirituality, Education, Stewardship  
and Service**

## **Mission Statement**

**As the redeemed people of God called  
church, our mission is to grow fully  
mature followers for our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ. We believe that full growth  
and maturity includes the Lordship of  
Jesus Christ over our time, talents,  
tithes and offerings**

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## **2003 Annual Report**

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# Senior Pastor's Message

**I** again **I am grateful** for the way God has opened up the windows of heaven and poured into the life of our church overflowing abundance and evidences of faithfulness that have surpassed what God has done in our lives in times past.

**I am grateful** for 517 new souls that have become members of the Kingdom of God and the militant church universal through the witness of the Gospel here at St. James.

**We are grateful** for over \$2,700,000 raised in tithes and offerings.

**We are grateful** for over 64,000 lives touched through the St. James Social Service ministry.

**We are grateful** for the challenges and the growth of St. James Preparatory School.

**We are grateful** for new pastoral care ministries that have been birthed in the life of St. James.

**We are grateful** for new sons and daughters in ministry that continue to join us as colleagues and students as others mature and pursue God's vision for their lives and ministries in other places and contexts.

**We are grateful** for a successful and life transforming Vision's Conference.

**We are grateful** for the continued manifest presence of God among us as we have sought to give God the glory that is due God in corporate worship.

**We are grateful** for individual growth that our members have experienced as they have pursued the visions that God has for their lives.

**We are grateful** for all that God has done. We are grateful for the dedication of competent staff and colleagues such as Rev. Raquel St. Clair and Mrs. Delores Johnson, and we are grateful for the understanding membership of St. James who continue to serve so faithfully as I discharge my other responsibilities as Secretary of Commerce for the state of New Jersey. This report is truly a team effort because all that has been accomplished this year has been achieved because of the commitment of others as well as the leadership that I have endeavored to provide as Under Shepherd.

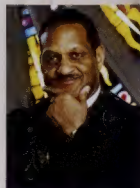
As I stand in the midst of my twentieth year as pastor of St. James, God by the power at work

in us has truly done far more abundantly than anything that I thought about asking or anything that I imagined when I first arrived.

This year as we begin to emphasize financial wholeness which will include financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and preparation for home ownership, and as our church becomes more and more involved with the actual construction of housing as well as community economic development, we anticipate God by the power at work in us, continuing to do far more abundantly than anything that we can ask or imagine to the glory of God and to Jesus Christ.

**We are grateful** for what God has already done and we are excited that God by the power at work within us is about to "accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever, Amen."

**William D. Watley,**  
Under Shepherd



**Rev. William D.  
Watley, Ph.D.**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Now to him who by  
the power at work  
within us is able to  
accomplish far more  
abundantly than all  
we can ask or  
imagine, to him be  
glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus to  
all generations,  
forever and ever,  
Amen.**

*Ephesians 3: 20-21 NRSV*

# Executive Minister's Message



**Rev. Bequel A. St. Clair**  
Executive Minister

The Executive Minister oversees the ministries of the church such that they fulfill the God-given vision of the Senior Pastor for the spiritual, numeric and financial growth of its membership. The Executive Minister superintends the Ministerial Staff, Educational Ministries, Care Ministries, Prayer Ministry, Family Life Resource Ministry, Youth Ministry, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Television Ministry and Organizations in addition to coordinating baptisms and insuring ministerial coverage for weddings, funerals and wakes. The focus for 2003 has been to assist and develop the lay and ministerial leadership to produce excellence for the Kingdom. I thank God for the privilege of ministry and Pastor Watley for the opportunity to serve at St. James. I gratefully present a portion of the ministry highlights for 2003:

## Devotional Booklets

In an effort to communicate the meaning of the liturgical seasons to the congregation, the ministerial staff wrote a 40 day Lenten Devotional Booklet and an Advent Devotional Booklet. Each day, our parishioners could read a devotion and prayer that centered on a weekly Lenten or Advent theme.

## Ministerial Staff

The Ministerial Staff of St. James provides support and leadership for the many ministries of the church. The staff receives training during the regular monthly meetings and through participation in the congregational life of the church. This year we

- Celebrated the ordination of 2 Itinerant Elders
- Licensed 1 preacher
- Graduated 1 minister from seminary

## Seminary Interns

St. James is an approved site for Supervised Ministry by the Princeton Theological Seminary, Drew Theological Seminary, New Brunswick Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary. This year we supervised

- 2 students from New Brunswick Theological Seminary
- 1 student from Drew Theological Seminary

In addition, we have 3 students from Princeton Theological Seminary serving on our pulpit staff under "watchcare".

## Education

The Educational Ministries consists of 3 Youth, 2 Women's, 1 Men's and 2 General Bible Studies as well as the Sunday School, New Life Ministries, special seminars, classes and conferences. This year,

- The Sunday School added three new classes to accommodate student growth
- New Life Ministries graduated 109 students.

... to equip the  
saints for the work  
of the ministry,  
for building up the  
body of Christ.

*Ephesians 4:12 NRSV*

# Administration



Glory to God! We praise God for another year's service to Him and the people of St. James AME church. As the church continues to expand its services and programs the role of the Administrative Staff becomes increasingly more vital to the life of the church and its subsidiaries. The Administrative staff is poised to handle the ever-changing needs of a thriving congregation and is committed to supporting the church's vision and mission by continually upgrading the level of service we provide to members, partners, friends and visitors.

The Church Administrator/Chief Operating Officer leads the Administrative and Facilities Staffs, which includes facilities management of all church properties. She handles the business affairs of the church and serves as the liaison for all of the church's subsidiaries. The Church Administrator is the point of contact for all vendors, community representatives, logistical and space requirements for all events held on

church properties. Additionally, the Church Administrator provides oversight to the audio/video/print/website/PR ministries, and for other sundry duties.

## Year 2003 Highlights

- The restoration, refurbishing and upgrading of the physical plant continued with the retrofitting of the communications center, installation of new telephone systems at the church and parsonage, larger capacity network server at the church, connection of the network server at the Blake House, full DSL capacity, handicapped accessible sidewalks, installation of large screened video projectors for overflow viewing in the Fellowship Hall and Dining Room.
- The first Division Conference was held in 2003. The two-day event which consisted of daily devotions (Bible Study & Morning Worship) and thought provoking plenary sessions proved to be spiritually enriching and offered genuine Christian fellowship

- The Launching of the University Center for Family Medicine under the auspices of the University of Medicine and Dentistry-NJ Medical School and housed in the St. James Preparatory School

- Coordination of the Seven Star Study Group process and facilitation of the Service Seven Star Study Group

The members of the Administrative and Facilities Staffs (Melvin Teal, Lead Custodian, Darryl Young, Gerard Williams, Shon Reid, Mary Williams, Boris Gurevich, and James Gayles) thank the people of St. James for allowing us to serve you. We strive to become Seven Star Staffs in 2004!



**Delores "Dee" Johnson**  
*Church Administrator*

**Therefore, my beloved, be  
steadfast, immovable, always  
excelling in the work of the Lord,  
because you know that in the Lord  
your labor is not in vain**

*1 Corinthians 15:58 NRSV*



**John Wm.  
Butler, II**  
*Facilities Manager*



**Francine Finley**  
*Executive Assistant*



**Charlene Diaz**  
*Administrative Assistant*



**Rosalind  
Fields**  
*Administrative Assistant*



**Kim Irby**  
*Data Management Specialist*



**Grace Thomas**  
*Office Assistant*



# Social Services Corporation...

**Growing for God's Glory while serving those in need...**



**Yesta Godwin Clark**  
Executive Director

St. James Social Services has been providing services to the community since its inception in 1996. More than 560,000 people have been helped through the various programs the organization provides. With the historic Blake House as its home base, St. James Social Services Corporation continues to be committed to its mission of supporting the family unit by changing the economic circumstances and improving the overall quality of life for men, women and children, the elderly, low-income families, the homeless, the unemployed and underemployed. Today, because of its commitment to service, St. James Social Services solidly stands on its reputation of being a leading and well-respected social service provider.

In 2003, there was no diversion from its mission despite the decrease in funding due to the national economic outlook. Instead, the organization saw an increase in numbers of people served and the addition of much needed services, which included utility assistance and in-house substance abuse referral services. Operating daily, Monday through Friday and some programs on Saturday and Sunday, Social Services is administered by full time staff and dedicated volunteers. The programs are supported by grants from private and public funders, the St. James congregation and long standing strong relationships with organizations such as the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Catholic Charities and its M.E.N.D. coalition, Rutgers University (Newark), NJIT,

Jersey Cares, and Kids Corporation. We also established a new relationship with MBNA bank whose customer service department provides volunteers for our outreach and after school programs and New Jersey Shares who provide utility cost assistance to our clients.

National statistics show a steady increase in the number of people affected by hunger. This trend is reflected in the feeding programs, which have become our most frequently used services. Under the direction of John Wm. Butler, II, and volunteer program coordinators Georgianna Loney and Sophie Shaw, our **Daily Feeding Program (Christian Café)** fed more than 42,700 people in need and the **Emergency Food Pantry** provided food packages for 15, 215 people. This equates to more than 49 tons of food, in addition to the 20 tons of USDA powered milk, which was distributed free to 40 community organizations and churches and over 2000 individuals. Our clothing ministry with volunteer coordinator Birlah Tucker at the helm sorted and distributed more than 15,000 pieces of donated clothing, which included 750 warm winter coats. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, 2150 people received food baskets and 1500 toys were distributed to needy children.

At the end of 2002 we saw the need for a full-time Crisis Manager. This addition to our staff has proven to be a blessing to those in crisis situations, which include but are not limited to homelessness, substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental illness. LaVerne Duncan

came on board and provided direct one-on-one services to 218 people – 56 received utility assistance; 23 were referred to shelters and 35 entered substance abuse programs; 42 were given food assistance; 3 families were victims of fires; 59 others referred for counseling, mental health issues, etc. The Crisis Manager also served as the liaison between those who needed legal services and our attorney, Rachel Marshall, Esq. who provided free legal consultation to 17 members of our congregation. To strengthen our social work department, Troyce Dunson, a part-time certified Social Worker joined the staff. She will provide in-depth case management to our clients and serve as the service link between St. James Social Services and the new University Center for Family Medicine (health center), where her offices are housed.

**The St. James Intergenerational After School Program** provides a safe, nurturing learning environment for children ages 5 - 14 years of age during the after school hours. With educational excellence and cultural awareness





being its focus, 32 children participated in the program which is under the direction of Ruby Hush. In addition to computer learning, in an effort to strengthen the curriculum, a 20-week financial literacy course designed for children will be offered in 2004.

**St. James Safe Haven Summer Camp** goal is to provide a safe, fun filled, educational, and culturally enriched environment during the summer months for youth ages 5 through 14. Housed in St. James Preparatory School, under the directorship of Rev. Reginald V. Clark and taught by certified teachers, the camp hosted 60 children; employed 12 teens counselors and 8 student volunteers. The highlight of this past camp year was the visit to the State House in Trenton and the offices of our Senior Pastor, Secretary of Commerce, Rev. William D. Watley.

**The Brownfields Minority Workers Training Program** is in partnership with the New York District of Carpenters Labor Technical College and The Ironbound Community Corporation.

**"For I was hungry and you gave me food...I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothes ..."**

*Matthew 26:35-36 NRSV*

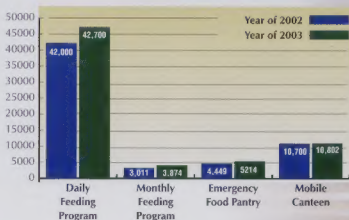
The program, provides training in the construction trades. Completing its third year with Louise Jennings as the Program Coordinator, 19 students graduated in 2003 and more than 85% of its graduates are duly employed in the construction/environmental remediation field.

**St. James Computer Laboratory** housed on the lower level of the church has 16 computers, which are networked and linked to the Internet with a DSL connection. Students from our youth, construction training, and Christian education programs utilize the lab. A computer learning class designed specifically for seniors over 60 is offered at no cost in the fall and spring seasons. Taught by volunteer instructor Tracy Stewart, 44 people have graduated from the senior program since its inception.

We are grateful to the following financial supporters and in-kind donors for 2003: Victoria Foundation, City of Newark, Prudential Foundation (new); New York District of Carpenters Labor Technical College; First Union Foundation; Louis Caldor Foundation; our

anonymous donors; Kids Corporation; Community Food Bank of NJ; North Jersey Committee of Black Clergy; and Jersey Cares.

As we move into a new year, St. James Social Services Corporation strives to become a stellar service provider as outlined in the Seven Star Strategic Plan of the church. Committed to serving the needs of the people, we are trusting in the Lord as we extend our services to offer a Workforce Literacy Program which will provide instruction for the unemployed and underemployed in reading, writing, English, computers, life skills, job readiness and ESL (English as a second language) with an emphasis on the Haitian community. We also have plans to expand our legal services, broaden the scope of our emergency services and offer a Youth Entrepreneur Program in partnership with Rutgers University.



**John Wm. Butler, II**  
*Director Social Outreach*



**LaVerne Duncan**  
*Crisis Manager*



**Troyce Dunson**  
*Social Worker*



**Mildred Sifford**  
*Administrative Assistant*

Introducing . . .

# University Center for Family Medicine



University Center for Family Medicine physicians Guy Francis, MD (l) and Judy Washington, MD (c) join Rev. Watley at a special open house for St. James members in December. Nearly 150 members attended.



The St. James family has a new means of obtaining healthcare services thanks to University Center for Family Medicine.

This community-based healthcare facility is sponsored by the New Jersey Medical School Department of Family Medicine and University Hospital. It is housed on the campus of our own St. James Preparatory School. The practice welcomed its first patients last fall and is quickly becoming an integral part of the Central Ward community.

"We take pride in the fact that we are a community-based healthcare facility," said Guy Francis, MD, who is the medical director of the practice. "Many people are uncomfortable with a traditional hospital-based setting, and this type of environment can make the medical care process a little less intimidating."

Both Dr. Francis and his partner in the practice, Dr. Judy Washington, are board-certified physicians who have a passion for community-based medicine. They are specialists in Family Medicine, which means they have the unique ability to serve as primary care physicians for both adults and children.

Dr. Washington noted that the health center's close proximity to several senior housing complexes in the Central Ward is making the practice extremely convenient for the community's older citizens.

University Center for Family Medicine will also work closely with St. James Social Services to sponsor programs and refer patients.

## The practice offers a wide range of medical care for the entire family including:

- Check-ups, physicals, and health screenings for men and women
- Treatment for diabetes, high-blood pressure, asthma and other illnesses
- Comprehensive services for children including well-baby visits and treatment for childhood illnesses

Call 973-972-9300 for an appointment. We'll treat you like family!

**"Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, Oh my soul and do not forget all his benefits: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases..."**

*Psalms 103:1-3 NRSV*





**Do not be conformed to  
this world, but be  
transformed by the  
renewing of your minds,  
so that you may discern  
what is the will of God -  
what is good and  
acceptable and perfect.**

*Romans 12:2 NRSV*

# *St. James Preparatory School*

**A Christian Academy of Excellence: Education For The 21st Century**



In Newark, New Jersey, as in many other communities throughout America, there is a dire need for quality educational alternatives. St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church has helped meet these needs for Newark and its surrounding communities by establishing St. James Preparatory School.

Under the authority of an independent Board of Directors, St. James Prep is a unique, innovative college preparatory Christian academy (grades 6 through 12) for young men and women of all races and religions. Designed to prepare students for leadership roles in their chosen fields and communities, St. James Prep offers a biblically based, rigorous, multicultural curriculum. In addition, the core program and a variety of enrichment activities emphasize the importance of morality, ethics, spirituality, clear values and service in today's society.

The curriculum for grades 6 through 12 is in accordance with the New Jersey Core

Curriculum Standards and allows technology to become infused throughout the content subject areas and students have Internet and extensive research access.

The curriculum integrates SAT preparation and computer technology throughout its program. It partners with several prominent community, corporate, cultural and educational institutions. The Prep School is reaping a harvest of growth for the glory of God. Using a full range of communication as well as business technology, St. James Prep School students continue to excel, meet and pursue every challenge in this 21<sup>st</sup> century, becoming its most talented leaders.

For an application and further information, please call the administrative office at 973-643-4749.



**Elizabeth Mapson**  
*Dean*



St. James A.M.E.

# Christian Learning Center

Where Faith Seeks Understanding



**Rev. William D. Watley, Ph.D.**  
Chairman, St. James  
Christian Learning Center



**Rev. Raquel A. St. Clair**  
Director, St. James Christian  
Learning Center



In 2003, God has blessed the St. James Christian Learning Center (CLC) to

- Offer 15- 21 college credits for the completion of the Christian Studies or Christian Ministries Certificate towards a degree at Essex County College.
- Offer Essex County College classes on site that can be applied to both our Certificate programs and Essex County's degree program.
- Begin a Christian Stewardship Department to assist our students in attaining financial wholeness and assist them in launching a small business
- Increase enrollment to 80 students
- Add 3 new faculty members

The CLC continues to be an innovative educational establishment that provides academically challenging and spiritually relevant courses. Our mission is to equip students with a Bible based, theologically sound education to serve in local congregations, the larger Church and the community. It is, therefore, an excellent training venue for both lay and clergy alike.

## The CLC offers certificates in the following areas:

- *Christian Studies*—An excellent choice for Sunday school teachers, Bible Study leaders, small group facilitators, missionaries and ministry leaders within the church. Designed for those who want to go deeper than traditional Bible studies allow and equips people to "rightly divide" word so that they can minister and witness effectively and confidently. This is the basic program upon which all other certificates are built.
- *Christian Ministry*—for those called to the ordained ministry of Word and sacrament. This program covers Bible, theology, congregational ministries such as pastoral care and administration, as well as preaching and worship leadership.
- *Biblical Languages in Biblical Hebrew and/ or New Testament Greek*—A year long course of study with the goal of translating the scriptures from the original languages.

Courses at the CLC enable students to become more effective in lay ministries of local congregations, assist individuals in their preparation for ordained ministry, provide students with an opportunity to earn college credits towards an undergraduate degree and furnish continuing education opportunities for persons already in receipt of post-secondary degrees. We thank God for growing us for His Glory!

**"The beginning of**

**wisdom is this:**

**Get wisdom, and**

**whatever else you**

**get, get, get insight."**

*Proverbs 4:7 NRSV*



**Train children in the right way, and  
when old they will not stray.**

*Proverbs 22:6, NRSV*



The Commission on Youth Ministries praise God for yet another year spent equipping encouraging empowering educating, and enhancing the lives of children (ages 2-12), teens (ages 13-19) young adults (ages 20-35) and families. We praise God for another year to grow as we serve youth not only in the church but also in our surrounding area by providing "family friendly" ministries programs and activities that promote a holistic view in "growing fully mature followers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Over the past year, the Commission on Youth Ministries worked diligently to enhance and design ministries that give the youth an opportunity to establish a relationship with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit as well as possess freedom, understanding and knowledge in serving the risen Christ.

At St. James AME Church, all youth are invited to celebrate and worship God at Our True Destiny Youth Church. The Youth Church is designed to minister to the heart and soul of young people ages 2-19. True Destiny Youth Church is a very unique house of worship that appeals to the younger generation and promotes healthy spiritual growth. Every Sunday, more than 250 youth gather together to worship in the presence of the Lord. At Youth Church, salvation takes place weekly and we rejoice in receiving more than forty youth who decided to make Jesus their choice in 2003.

# Commission on Youth Ministries

- Three new Bible Studies were incorporated in the ministry to better help our youth not only to read the Word of God but to also apply the Word of God to their lives. On Saturday, our Children's Bible Hour for ages 2-12 takes place and on Wednesday our teenagers investigate and learn something new about the Word of God.
- As we continue to grow for God's Glory, we have also instituted and have trained our Junior Leadership which consists of twelve Junior Officers (Stewards & Trustees), twelve Junior Stewardesses, and over twenty five Acolytes. We are currently in the process of instituting and training our youth greeters and ushers as we move forward in our hospitality ministry.
- Under the direction of the Youth Commissioner, we implemented a Teen Mentorship program this year. "Dining with Destiny" takes place once a month where teens are given a chance to work with an adult of their choice on the purpose/vision that God has predestined for their life. Teens choose mentors based on interest, family life and career choice. This program has helped more than twenty young people to stay out of trouble and off of the streets and has provided an opportunity for them to walk in the destiny that God has mapped out for their lives.
- January has been designated as our Annual Teen Ski & Fellowship Weekend. For three to four days our teenagers travel to the Shawnee Mountains for skiing, snowboarding, and the fellowship of their peers. Also while outside in the cold and snow, teens can be found offering praises to God with an early morning prayer hour and a morning Anointing and Communion Service. The more than seventy-five teens that attend this annual event are brought closer to exploring the presence of God and understanding friendship and fellowship.
- Every month, the Young Adult Ministry sponsors chats and chews where lively discussion takes place on important issues concerning the lives. Quarterly Fellowship Nights' help to release stress and promote positive fellowship and friendship.

As a Youth Ministry dedicated to building and equipping young people not only spiritually but also socially, we have integrated several programs and activities for youth and young adults which allow them to receive and understand proper teambuilding. "Loving their Neighbor as Themselves", stress-outlets, and bringing families together.

- Family Nights are a major component added to our Ministry. Once a month we celebrate families and family time by engaging in activities for families developed by families.
- The annual Teddy Bear Tea, designed for children, teaches them about friendship and about loving others who may or may not look like them. More than seventy-five children ages 2-10 along with their teddies and best friends join us on this special day as we celebrate God and Friends.



**Rev. Natasha Johnson**  
*Minister to Youth*



**Marian Watley**  
*Youth Commissioner*

**We praise God for the great  
things that He has allowed us  
to do in 2003.**

# Women's Ministry

## Enough is Enough: Moving from Drama to Divine Order

In 2002 and the beginning of 2003 Women's Ministry began working under the theme of "Going for the Gold." Our goal was to strive for excellence in the areas of worship, the Word, working together and witnessing. As 2003 progressed, God changed our course and called us to focus on and align ourselves with the God-given theme of Moving from Drama to Divine Order. It became a year of prayer, planning and preparation as we readied ourselves for what God was going to do during the remainder of 2003 and 2004. Our leadership team, Rosalind Fields, Ardian Johnson and Ronda Littleton-Johnson, united under the new vision as we reworked the 2003 calendar and designed the entire year 2004. The highlights for 2003 include:

### Women's Bible Studies

About 100 women from our congregation and community gather twice weekly (Thursdays at 12 noon and Wednesdays at 6:30PM) to study the Word. This year our study topic was Obedience and included such lessons as:

- Listening to God
- Discerning the Voice of God and the Leading of the Holy Spirit
- Lessons from the Book of Jonah

### Women's Forums

Two hour workshops on topics that help us grow spiritually and mature as Christian women:

- In March, we had a forum entitled "Physical Fitness" to prepare us for the May MS Walk. We discussed our physical health as it related to our walk with wellness to and our ability to worship the Lord.
- In October, we had a Breast Cancer Awareness forum and learned the basics of breast care and self-examination and the importance of regular doctor visits and mammograms.

### MS Walk

On May 4, 2003, we walked in support of the Greater North Jersey Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The St. James Team had 125 walkers and raised over \$22,000 making us the highest fundraisers in the chapter's history.



Rev. Raquel St. Clair, Minister to Women accepts MS Walk Award



### December Social

On December 8, we hosted our first Social for the women of our congregation and their friends. The evening began with appetizers, music and escorts accompanying the women to the refreshments, followed by a full buffet dinner and dessert. The women had an opportunity to meet and mingle as the 2004 Women's Ministry Calendar was unveiled and registration for the 2004 Women's Convocation began.

The Single Women's Ministry gathered monthly to discuss issues of dating and sexuality as it relates to black Christian women. In July, we hosted a picnic and took some time to fellowship.

We give glory and honor to our Lord, Jesus Christ for all we have been able to accomplish and stand in eager expectation of more in 2004.

"...but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:32 NRSV



The Men's Ministry of Saint James continues to be a source of empowerment to the men of our church as well as the men of the community-at-large. Our Men's Bible Study on Saturday mornings remains the vanguard of our ministry. An average of 65 men meet and are enriched and enlightened as we study and discuss a wide variety of topics and events in the Bible as well as our own experiences. This year's themes for study included, *David: The Man After God's Own Heart* and *The Bible and You*. Other highlights include:

- Our first annual charity basketball game, *Bible Study and Basketball*, in collaboration with our Youth Ministry. Young men and boys from the Youth Ministry were invited to Saturday morning Bible Study after which we participated in a Men vs. Boys basketball game at the Central Ward Boys and Girls

Club of Newark. Experience prevailed over youth as the men won the game 74-67.

It was a great time of fun and fellowship. Proceeds from the game benefited the Youth Ministry.

- The Network of Christian Men, Inc. continued its work with the Newark Literacy Campaign by tutoring adults in their reading skills. They also sponsored an Economic Empowerment Seminar educating people on making sound financial decisions. The Men's Ministry along with the Network participated in the *Jesus Is The Reason For the Season* Christmas worship service and celebration at St. James.
- The St. James Men's Club held its annual Scholarship Breakfast and Scholarship Luncheon to benefit Saint James Preparatory School.

## Men's Ministry



**Rev. Reginald V. Clark**  
Minister to Men

- The Single Men's Ministry, dedicated to the spiritual growth of single men, hosted a joint meeting with FSO, "For Singles Only" our women's counterpart where we discussed various chapters in the book *The Black Christian Singles Guide to Dating and Sexuality* by Chris Jackson.

### What God has in store for 2004:

- Men's Empowerment/Leadership Conference
- Rites of Passage Ministry: mentoring and guidance for our young men and boys
- Young Men's Ministry: addressing the spiritual needs of men ages 20-35
- Men's Forum

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:20 NRSV



The Prayer Ministry of St. James Church is a powerful force of intercessory prayer guided by the Holy Spirit. In addition to the training of prayer leaders, the first Wednesday of each month is set aside for prayer service and quarterly prayer vigils are held involving the congregation and community in praying for the needs of others. Verbal written and telephoned requests are prayed for with dignity, gentleness, love and compassion. No request is too small for prayer. God listens

to the voices of all of His children, and God does answer prayers. We have witnessed salvation experiences, family restoration, reconciliations and more. This ministry's foundations built upon united, corporate prayer, which involves spending quality time in God's presence. As we pray and worship God, His Spirit raises our levels of faith so that no matter what happens throughout our lives, we can handle it as God sees fit.

The goal of the Prayer Ministry is to mobilize and teach men and women, boys and girls to pray and, again, to the power of God in their lives resulting in a powerful witness. This goal is in keeping with the church's millennial vision goal to become a praying church that is filled with the knowledge and wisdom of God (Colossians 1:9) operating in all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31).

**To God be the Glory!**



**Rev. Jacqueline G. Reeves, Ed.D.**  
Director of Prayer Ministry

## Prayer Ministry



# Family Life Resource Ministry

"... and they become one flesh."

Genesis 2:24 NRSV



**Bro. Eldo Gales**  
**Rev. Ingrid Gales**  
*Ministry Directors*



The Family Life Resource Ministries of St. James A.M.E. Church consisting of Premarital Enrichment, Marriage Enrichment and Family Enrichment provides spiritual guidance, empowerment, educational opportunities and support to families of our congregation and community. In 2003 participation in the ministry increased by 50 percent resulting in the development of a tiered volunteer structure of twenty lay members who provided strategic and administrative assistance to the ministry. The ministry directors, Bro. Eldo and Rev. Ingrid Gales along with five clergy serve as spiritual advisors to couples participating in the ministry and facilitators of ministry sessions.

**The Premarital Enrichment** is for couples that have expressed a desire to be married at St. James A.M.E. Church. Each couple attends premarital sessions held on a quarterly basis. A formalized study guide is provided to the couple for completion prior to the wedding ceremony.

**The Marriage Enrichment** component provides husbands and wives resources that are based upon biblical principles that will deepen their relationship with God and one another. This ministry's focus continues to celebrate the covenant of marriage by emphasizing the importance of communication and prayer between husband and wife.

Diversity is embraced as evidenced by the hosting of the Annual Prayer Encounter for married couples and families and honoring married members who have celebrated 50 or more years of matrimony.

**Family Enrichment** focuses upon empowering families of the congregation to reclaim their families first. Understanding the changing roles in the family structure is a focal point for this aspect of the ministry.

We continue to look for opportunities to assist and prepare individuals and families to reach their God-given purpose in life.

# Visitation Ministry



**Rev. Thomasena K. Woodward**  
*Minister of Visitation*



The Visitation Ministry at St. James A.M.E. Church has brought joy, love and comfort to many members who are unable to attend church. We seek to empower and encourage sick and shut-in members through prayer and visitation. In 2003, 604 sick and shut-in members were visited with the ministers offering prayers, administering the sacrament of Holy Communion and extending Christian

**"Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any among you cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up ..."**

*James 5:13-15 NRSV*

fellowship. Through the generous funding of the E. B. Orr Women's Missionary Society and of other benevolent donors, the visitation ministry sends cheerful greeting cards and presents the sick and shut-in with monetary gifts, snacks and other favors. Additionally, the sick and shut-in members are given audiotapes of the worship services and are encouraged to watch the St. James television broadcast. During visitation

at Christmas time all are given a monetary donation and gift bags that include socks, lotion, soap, tissues and other necessities.

The heartfelt joy and appreciation shown by each sick and shut-in member brings joy to the members of the Visitation Ministry. Assisting the Minister of Visitation are Rev. Robert Kent, Rev. Mary Ellen Lake and Rev. Andrea Tatum, Rev. Reginald Clark and Rev. Cindy Carr.

**"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."**

*Matthew 28:19 NRSV*



In keeping with the Senior Pastor's vision to communicate our message to a more diverse audience and to encourage and welcome the fellowship among God's people regardless of race, gender or economic background, the television ministry was successfully launched in September 2002.

As a result, we have already begun to witness an influx of new people into the church. Our weekly broadcast ***Seeking God's Face***, is a vehicle we are certain will empower, nurture and enhance many lives. The following is a brief description of the ministry highlights:

- In 2003, we expanded our coverage into Comcast Cable, channel 64, in Jersey City and Cablevision, channel 18, in Elizabeth

In 2004, look for ***Seeking God's Face*** broadcast ministry in Asbury Park and Morris County, reaching out to an even broader audience which will include Morristown, Denver, Chatham, Madison, Parsippany, Rockaway Borough and Dover Township just to name a few. We will continue to grow for God's Glory as we expand our ministry throughout the Tri-State area.

- Purchased cameras and other production equipment, which eliminated the reliance on rental equipment.
- Added DVD tape distribution and equipment.

**So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

*Romans 10:17 NRSV*



The Saint James Audio & Video Media Ministry was the first ministry established under the dynamic and visionary leadership of the Senior Pastor. The Tape Ministry was launched on December 16, 1984, with one person, one microphone and a three-tape duplicator.

Since then, the ministry has grown from recording and duplicating audiotapes to recording videotapes and making CDs and DVDs. Today, the ministry has also added four closed circuit video monitors in the sanctuary to bring each service closer to the live congregation. As a ministry's responsibility for extending the reach of the internal ministry of the church to the community. To accomplish this mission we provide affordable and quality media materials, which are available for purchase.

Staffed by volunteers, the Audio & Video Media Ministry is responsible for wiring, purchasing and maintenance of audio and video equipment including the soundboard, microphones, speakers, monitors, cameras and recorders. This also includes running prerecorded tapes and compact discs for the dance ministry through the sound system as well as providing sound for the pulpit, choirs, musicians and special programs held at the church and off-site occasions.

All services are recorded and provided for sale after each service. Courtesy tapes are given to first-time visitors and to the sick and shut-in. Annually, more than 1,500 tapes are distributed.

The ministry also has the ability to edit audiotapes in-house. The ministry is constantly improving and upgrading its equipment and services.

## Television Ministry

- Set-up our own pre-production and distribution system for mail orders.

Because broadcasting is such a highly technical and skilled area, it is difficult to consistently retain the quantity of volunteer staff and external editorial resources that are desirable. However, we are especially blessed and grateful for our own Phyllis Ossai and Deborah Perry for their enduring spirits of love and generosity of time and sacrifice toward making the weekly broadcasts possible, as well as our award-winning editor, Ruben Hughes. We, of the Saint James Television Ministry, will continue to serve the Lord, our Pastor and the community, in our efforts to spread the Word of God to the masses through television broadcasts.



**Rev. Gail E. Davis**  
Ministry Director

## Audio and Video Ministry

Recently, large screen closed circuit video projectors were installed in the Fellowship Hall and in the Dining Room to provide viewing for the overflow congregation when needed and a CD player was added to the system.

The Audio & Video Media Ministry is continuing to move forward, but it has not yet reached its fullest potential. In the near future, the ministry is looking to expand both its audio and video capabilities by adding a new soundboard, video cameras, CD and DVD recorders. Collectively, we can make it happen. Praise the Lord!

Volunteer Staff: Lewis Turner, Phyllis Ossai, Deborah Petty, Denise Moore, Rev. Cindy Carr, Gertrude Carter, Henry Samegy, Kelli Wingo, Deborah McCoy, Tahrah Graves, Tiffany Smith and Frank Woods.



**Carl Peterman**  
Ministry Director



# ST. JAMES AT WORSHIP





Gov. Jim McGreevey and Rev. Watley



Rev. Watley and President of Ghana John A. Kufor



Rev. Watley with Awards of Excellence honorees  
At Koeppe CLO, Newark  
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Ceremonies Dennis Bone,  
CEO of Verizon



2003 Vision Conference

## ST. JAMES YEAR IN REVIEW



Rev. Watley and Awards for Excellence Honorees, Dr. Alfred Grayson Haze Gluck  
and Attorney General Peter Harvey



Bishop Cynthia Hood, Key of Hope  
Christian Church, Atlanta, Ga

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

*Colossians 3:16 NRSV*

## Music Ministry



**Gwen Moten**  
Minister of Music



Through song and praise the St. James Music Ministry edifies our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As God ministers to us, we proclaim His Power to provide music of comfort, encouragement, healing, and to be a worship instrument for teaching and strengthening our faith as we humbly serve. 2003 brought with it a clear and sincere growth and direction for the Music Ministry. We are strengthened in number and in purpose. Continually, we found our strength and solace in ministering through our unified efforts as a combined ministry with all choral ensembles providing services as one. When we joined in service and

in praise with our Dance Ministry, we received uplifting God glorifying experiences. Jointly we ministered during special worship services such as Revival, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve Watch Night and many Sunday morning services.

The St. James First Visitation Conference allowed our ministry to service-in song to participants from areas beyond our city.

The 89th Annual Ministers Conference in conjunction with the Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild Workshop in Hampton, Virginia at Hampton University, was a magnificent

training and church music presentation experience. We were able to bring from it, as suggested by the Guild's president, hymns, anthems, spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel music that enriched our worship services.

The Music Ministry is composed of six choirs and a praise and worship team that sings traditional and contemporary gospel music, anthems and spirituals.

Under the leadership and direction of our pastor, we will continue to Grow For God's Glory in becoming a "Seven Star" church.

## Dance Ministry



**Susan Pope**  
Ministry Director



As we prepare to dance into a new season, we acknowledge the many gifts that God has blessed St. James Dance Ministry with, individually and collectively. In order to effectively minister with decency and order, we have reorganized our ministry to better utilize the many gifts of all of our members. The entire ministry has been divided into six ministry teams that serve for two months. Each team consists of a team leader and members representing all divisions of S.J.D.M. The teams coordinate S.J.D.M. praise and worship participation. In September, we appointed Mary Alston president of the ministry to alleviate the administrative responsibilities of the directors, enabling them to focus more on the ministry's spiritual and creative growth. In October, we instituted an eight-week new members class for our Pearls and Cupbearers.

**I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...**

*Eph 4:1-6 NRSV*

In a continued effort to evangelize and minister past the four walls of St. James, our Ministry Director traveled to Kingston, Jamaica, to represent our ministry at the 16th Episcopal District Women's Conference "When Women Worship."

The Dance Ministry has grown to include the following divisions. The new members (Pearls and Cupbearers) train for at least eight weeks before ministering to God's people. The Adult women and teen girls (Jewels of Judah and Jr. Jewels) directed by Susan Pope continue to shine forth like the jewels of a crown they were destined to be. The Instruments of Praise directed by Fela Wills, minister with passionate patience, wisdom and humility despite limited physical ability. The men (Armor Bearers for Christ) directed by Darrell Pope continue to dance in the example of David with power

strength and a heart for God. The children (Seeds of Salvation) directed by Jackie Sims include children from 5-13. The Seeds troupe minister on a regular basis in True Destiny Youth Church. Our boys (Young Armor Bearers for Christ) directed by Darryl Stewart are back and ministering with youthful energy and God's power. The teen division (Agape) choreographs and serve as role models for the Seeds Pageantry directed by Diane Boyd, brings visual color to the Word of God using flags and banners.

We acknowledge and celebrate the diversity in our ministry and strive to move rhythmically and efficiently together with power and authority in response to God's word. As we now strive to grow up so we may become fully mature Christians, we let go of our old way of life, pray for a fresh anointing and dance into our new season.

**The best is yet to come!**



### Class Leaders Ministry

Upon joining the church, new members are assigned a Class Leader whose responsibility is to stay in contact with the member and to serve as a spiritual mentor. There are 86 Class Leaders in the ministry. Richardson Harris, Ministry Leader.

### New Life Ministries

Twelve week teaching ministry introduces new members to basic terminology and biblical concepts common to Christianity. An overview of Methodism with an emphasis on the origin and structure of the A.M.E. Church is included. Marian Watley, Ministry Leader.

### The Stewardess Boards

The Stewardess Boards serve under the direction of the Senior Steward Board and are responsible for preparing the elements of Holy Communion and assisting with baptism. St. James has seven Stewardess Boards.

### The Usher Boards

"I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Psalms 84:10) Ushers receive and welcome church attendees, fit the offering and promote the comfort level of a St. James has four usher boards.

### Security Ministry

"Keep a watchful eye." Comprised of dedicated church members, some of which are past or present law enforcement officers, this ministry provides a safe and secure environment for worship, both indoors and outdoors. Rudy Graves, Ministry Leader.

### Nurses Ministry

Nurses provide comfort to bereaved families at funerals and maintain a comfort station should illness occur during services. Cynthia Green, Ministry Leader.

### Pastor's Aid Society

Provides assistance to the Senior Pastor and his family. Nathaniel Lee, Ministry Leader.

### Hospitality Ministry

Greets worshippers, extends the "Welcome Address" during worship services, distributes and collects visitors packets and follows through (with phone calls and written correspondence) on requests made by visitors. Lois Richardson, Ministry Leader.

### Prison Ministry

Takes the word of God to youth ages 13 to 18 in the Essex County Youth Detention Center. At Christmas, the ministry sponsors an Angel Tree party for the children of incarcerated persons. Daphne Gaters, Ministry Leader.

### Precious Gems Ministry

The ministry honors members of our congregation, 65 years and older, by subsidizing the cost of their Sunday breakfast and dinner twice a month. Pays tribute to the seniors and 50-year church members at an annual Luncheon and Fashion Show. Daphne Gaters, Ministry Leader.

### Secret Pal Ministry

Demonstrates tangible acts of love and appreciation to our senior members throughout the year. The Secret Pal activities culminate in a luncheon where the Secret Pal is revealed to the senior member. Ann Thornhill, Ministry Leader.

### HIV/AIDS Ministry

Supports men, women and children who are affected with and by the HIV/AIDS virus. Includes raising funds through the AIDS Walk New Jersey. Gloria Burton, Ministry Leader.

### The West End Helpers

One of the oldest active organizations in St. James, it was founded when the church was located on Union Street. Its purpose is to support the youth of the church. Sidney Sneed, Ministry Leader.

### The Marie B. Moses Scholarship Fund

Promotes education by awarding an annual scholarship to deserving high school graduates. Gertrude Carter, Ministry Leader.

### The Pan Hellenic Organization

Comprised of members of fraternities, sororities or social fellowships, it was founded with the purpose of providing scholarships for students of St. James Prep. Scholarships are now given in memory of the late Bernice C. Johnson. Jonnie Cannon, Ministry Leader.

### Cultural Arts Ministry

Supports the activities of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC). Minister's Advisory Council on which the Senior Pastor serves. Selected NJ-PAC performances are offered to church members at a special discounted rate. The Ministry also offers tickets from other enjoyable venues. Muriel Watley, Dollie Sherrod, Ministry Leaders.

# Our Witness and Ministry

The gifts he gave were

that some would be

apostles, some

prophets, some

evangelists, some

pastors and teachers

to equip the saints for

the work of ministry,

for building up the

body of Christ.

*Ephesians 4:11-12 NRSV*

## Ministerial Staff

Rev. William D. Watley, Ph. D. Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Edward W. Verner, M.D. Senior Staff Associate  
 Rev. Raquel A. St. Clair, Executive Minister  
 Rev. Natasha C. Johnson, Minister to Youth  
 Rev. Garvey Ince, Minister of Finance  
 Rev. Jacqueline G. Reeves, Ed. D., Director, Prayer Ministry  
 Rev. Ingrid Gales, Director, Family Life Resource Ministries  
 Rev. Mashood Evans (on leave)  
 Rev. Babydoll Kennedy, Director, Ministries of Hope & Healing  
 Rev. Ellen Warren, Youth Ministry  
 Rev. Patrick Clayborn  
 Rev. Cindy Carr, Young Adult Ministry  
 Rev. Reginald Clark, Minister to Men  
 Rev. Gail Davis, Director, Television Ministry  
 Rev. Debra Johns, Prayer Ministry  
 Rev. Andrea Tatum, Sick Visitation Ministry

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If you have the gift of speaking, preach God's message. If you have the gift of helping others, do it with strength that God supplies...

*(Peter 4:11 NRSV)*



The St. James Lay Organization whose mission statement declares, "that being led by the spirit and empowered to serve will set new goals and a new agenda for the new century and continue to lead the church from membership to discipleship."

Our theme, *Laid Sowing Seeds Beyond The Walls: An Agenda of Ministry and Service*, best exemplifies our efforts as a vital organization at St. James. *"If you have the gift of speaking, preach God's message. If you have the gift of helping others do it with strength that God supplies. Everything should be done in a way that will bring honor to God because of Jesus Christ who is glorious and powerful forever. Amen."*

## General Goals of The Lay Organization:

- 1 To be Christ centered and to aim at strengthening the church
- 2 Seek to reach and influence every man and woman on the church to relate to the complete program of the church
- 3 Encourage regular church attendance by members of the local Lay Organization
- 4 Seek to provide the opportunity for Christ and fellowship among the members, particularly among the members of the local Lay Organization

- 5 Encourage all members of the church to actively participate in the life and program of the Church
- 6 Maintain a happy working relationship between pastor and laity
- 7 Establish a special committee to care for the aged
- 8 Reflect concerns for the welfare and activities of the youth both in the church and outside the church
- 9 Seek to obtain active, as well as financial participation in church sponsored projects
- 10 Encourage every A.M.E. home to purchase and study a copy of the A.M.E. Discipline

## Activities of the Lay Organization:

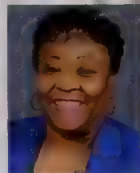
- Super Seniors projects, whereby seniors are included in activities, such as a fellowship party given by the Lay Missions Committee and a projected service activity in collaboration with students from University High School to assist our seniors
- Collections of new clothing and infant supplies for HIV/AIDS babies, which is coordinated by the Lay Missions Committee supporting the St. James HIV/AIDS Ministry
- On going voter's registration by the Social Action Committee and a projected Health Fair in conjunction with the medical staff at St. James

- Participating in the Rosetta Lee Hat Fund through the St. James Credit Union
- Supporting the Norma Lawson Scholarship Fund as well as the Newark District Scholarship Fund under the auspices of the Scholarship Committee
- Coordination of communication with the sick and shut-in which is coordinated by our Information Committee through computer made cards, e-mails, telephone calls, and visitations. This activity will support the St. James Visitation Ministry
- Actively supporting our Youth Assistant to the president, Sakeenah Clark, as she strives to become the Youth of the Year
- Annually honoring a Lay Person of the Year which was given this year to an honorable gentleman, Mother Dora Starks
- Coordination of a field trip to Mother Bethel and other historical sights by the Director of Lay Activities, Dr. Lois Richardson

We give all praise to God for all of the dedicated Lay Workers that he has called to this Lay Ministry, as we strive to sow the seeds so that the next generation might bountifully reap the harvest

St. James A.M.E.

# Lay Organization



**Naomi Huntley**  
President

# E. B. Orr Missionary Society



**Muriel Watley**  
Minister



**Juanita Moss**  
President



The Eula Mae B. Orr Women's Missionary Society (WMS) participates in the work of Missions on the Connectional District Conference, Area and Local levels. Our work as a Society continues to evolve in efficient and progressive ways to benefit those in need.

## Connectional WMS

- Financial and other support given to the Rosetta Lee AME School and Mission in Dumornay Haiti
- Financial assistance given to the family of the late brother David Van Neel
- Active participation at the Executive Board meeting in Orlando, Florida
- Attendance and active participation at the Quadrennial held in Dallas, Texas
- A Connectional chairpersonship is held by a member of the E. B. Orr Missionary Society

## District WMS

- Provided financial and program support to the District WMS Children's Christmas Party at the Joan M. Cousin Health Center
- Participated in the Learning Experience and Mass Meeting

## Conference Branch WMS

- Financial and participatory support given to the Night of Sharing event, which gives Christmas gifts to Pastors of small churches
- Four E. B. Orr Society members serve as officers or committee chairpersons of the Conference Branch

## Area WMS

- Participated in all Area Level endeavors

## Local WMS

- Daily and Saturday Feeding and Clothing Distribution Programs are operated in conjunction with St. James Social Services Corporation
- Sunday breakfast and dinner is provided to the homeless who attend worship service
- Family Wholeness Unit sponsors an annual family and friends focused fellowship social entitled "Feast in the Wilderness"
- Supported the Annual WMS services at our sister churches - Israel Memorial and St. Luke
- Visited Brookhaven Healthcare Center during the Christmas season and presented to the residents gifts of toiletries, socks, and Christmas corsages
- Supported the MS walk sponsored by the Women's Ministry at St. James

## Young People's Division (YPD)

The St. James YPD under the leadership of Joycelyn Bryant is an active component of the WMS and the youth ministries of the church. Throughout the year they are engaged in activities that foster Christian growth through service to God and the community. In keeping with the tradition of learning about the AME Church, the WMS and the YPD, the youth participated in the following: New Jersey Annual Conference YPD Quadrennial in Dallas, Texas; YPD District meeting in Philadelphia; and the Morristown-Newark Area meeting.

## YPD Community Outreach

- Visited Project Babies in Newark and donated disposable diapers, clothing, and other baby items

"...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40 NRSV

- On the third Saturday of each month, the youth assist the adult WMS members with feeding the homeless
- The YPD co-sponsored, along with the adult WMS, a Community Holiday Party on October 31, 2003. The more than 300 children in attendance were provided with a safe environment in which to have fun.
- YPD members contributed to the Angel Tree project sponsored by the St. James Prison Ministry by providing ten children with gifts of clothing and toys. They also were active participants in the formal program and fellowship hour held for the children and their families.
- At Christmas the YPD utilizes the St. James Social Services Holiday Distribution Program to bless fifteen families with toys and food.

Sorrowfully, we mourn the death of two extraordinary missionaries. Sister Rosetta Lee, who dedicated her life to the people and missions in Dumornay Haiti and Brother David Van Neel, who relinquished his job and dedicated himself to the mission work of HIV/AIDS in Cape Town, South Africa. Both Sister Lee and Brother Van Neel were missionary legends in their own time that exemplified the call to missions. All who knew them and their work sorely miss them.

We give thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for the blessings we receive as we endeavor to be a blessing to others.

# St. James Church Development Corp.

## Visionaries in Community Development and Empowerment



The Mission of the St. James Church Development Corp. is to help faith-based, non-profit, and for-profit organizations develop viable and credible sources of income and funding for their purposes through economic development projects that build communities and enhance the quality of life for individuals and families.

### Experience and Leadership

St. James Church Development Corp. is an integral partner in the restoration of Newark's Central Ward. Situated in the heart of the area targeted by the city as the key to its revitalization plan, SJCDC was formed to provide experience and leadership in the financial, physical, and social redevelopment of urban communities.

Since its inception, SJCDC has forged strong private/public partnerships to affect positive change where the need is greatest. Its highly trained and skilled staff insures a project's feasibility, its timely completion, and its long-term success.

Among its current projects is the \$55 million St. James Estates, a 230-unit mixed-use complex of commercial space that includes single-family and two-family affordable and market-rate rental and for-sale homes.

St. James Church Development Corp. is a full-service organization that offers a broad spectrum of assistance, which includes:



### Project Evaluation

Prior to the initial start-up, SJCDC will examine and appraise projects and potential funders before commitments are made and hopes are destroyed. Early and detailed evaluations save time and money.

### Economic Development Assistance

Because widespread revitalization efforts depend on increased employment opportunities, SJCDC helps to locate seed money for neighborhood businesses that are affiliated with its projects. It also assists with development plans for sustained business job growth.

### Community Empowerment Support

SJCDC realizes that a community's complete revitalization depends on its resident's determination to stabilize surrounding neighborhoods and foster the rebirth of a safe environment. This requires collaborative efforts of local businesses, religious leaders, government agencies and other community-based organizations. SJCDC brings these groups together to assure a project's successful implementation.

### Partnership Development

Assistance for nonprofits often begins with highly unlikely sources. SJCDC is able to recognize common interests that can unite diverse groups to form powerful allies for change.



**Lesly Devereaux**  
Executive Director

**"Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left, and your descendants will possess the nations and will settle the desolate towns."**

*Isaiah 54:2-3 NRSV*



# Financial Wellness Ministry



**Rev. Garvey C. Ince**  
Minister of Finance



The foundation of the Financial Wellness Ministry is anchored in the biblical principles of giving (through tithes, offerings, time and talent), and focuses on helping people increase/improve their own financial health through a better understanding of debt management, savings, investments, home ownership, business development, job creation and entrepreneurship.

## Vision

Successful and fruitful investment, growth, and management of God-given financial resources

## Mission

Build on the biblical principles for financial success, and demonstrate how obedience to God's word can help to liberate us from financial bondage and move us to financial freedom and sound stewardship

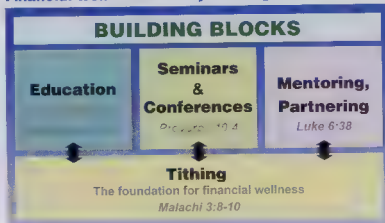
## Goals

- Create a better understanding that tithing is the foundation to financial wellness and maturity
- Teach people to manage one's financial resources to minimize and/or eliminate the burden of consumer debt
- Promote home ownership, business ownership and build communities
- Encourage planning, investing and managing of resources for life goals

"Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today."

*Deuteronomy 8:17-18 NRSV*

## Financial Wellness Ministry Building Blocks



## Education

Areas of focus will include:

- Financial Literacy (money management, credit card/consumer debt)
- Home Ownership
- Entrepreneurship (Assessment, owning your business, developing and managing careers)

## Financial Institutions/Management

This building block will focus on:

- Leveraging the St. James Federal Credit Union and other financial institutions
- Home and mortgage searches
- Real Estate
- Investing & Savings
- Retirement Planning

## Entrepreneurship & Career Development

Will emphasize:

- Managing your own business
- Managing one's career
- Job Creation
- Building capacity
- Building communities
- Building and leveraging networks

# Federal Credit Union



## Basic Philosophy

St. James A.M.E. Federal Credit Union (FCU) is a Church of Faith-based Credit Union. We are continually striving to embrace the Credit Union philosophies: Not For Profit, Not For Charity, But For Service. People helping people, members make the difference. Growth depends on strong people relationships. The bottom line is that the officials and staff of the St. James A.M.E. Federal Credit Union are here to serve its membership with our new vision for growth and innovative services in step with the new millennium.

## Location

St. James A.M.E. Federal Credit Union (FCU) is headquartered inside of St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark, NJ with a branch office at Mt. Teman A.M.E. Church in Elizabeth, NJ.

## Asset Size

\$1,407,623.00

## Membership

1456 members from St. James A.M.E. and Mt. Teman A.M.E. Church congregations and the St. James Preparatory School.

## Employees

One full-time and two part-time with a volunteer staff of one full-time and seven part-time.

## Products and Services

The St. James A.M.E. Federal Credit Union's service includes:

Personal Loans	Regular Shares Accounts
Comaker Loans	Church Organizational Accounts
Home Equity Loans	Prep School Tuition Loans
Direct Deposit	Home and Auto Repair Loans
Money Order Service	Credit Disability Insurance
Student Loans	Credit Life Insurance
Payroll Deductions	College Savings Plans
NADA Auto Guide	Safe Deposit Boxes
Member Assistance	Money Order Accounts
Safe Deposit Boxes	Online Services Available

## Products And Services for the New Millennium

Internet Banking	Online Bill Paying Account
Mobile Banking	Certificates of Deposit
Auto Leasing	Electronic Funds Transfer

## On The Horizon

St. James A.M.E. FCU plans to expand its field-of-membership to include sister Churches in the A.M.E. Church Newark District.

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## Credit Union Officers

**Gavey C. Ince**  
Chairperson

**Josephine L. Horton**  
2nd Vice Chairperson

**Kiesha G. Sigler**  
3rd Vice Chairperson

**Sherman Wright**  
Treasurer

**Patrick B. Lester**  
Secretary

# 2003 Balance Sheet

Bring the full tithe  
into the storehouse  
so that there may be  
food in my house,  
and thus put me to  
the test, says the  
Lord to hosts; see if I  
will not open the  
windows of heaven  
for you and pour  
down for you and  
overflowing blessing.  
*Malachi 3:10 NRSV*

	St. James AME Church	St. James Preparatory	St. James AME Federal Credit Union	St. James Social Services	St. James Towers	Total All Corporations
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current						
Cash	144,251	14,657	33,944	6,201	22,130	221,183
Investment	239,440	159,768	579,302	32,465		1,010,975
Loans			782,847			782,847
Prepaid Expenses			5,266		26,098	31,364
Security Deposits/Leases				5,162	98,968	104,130
Receivables		789,646		718,339	303,481	1,811,466
Allowance for Losses			(26,514)		(52,958)	(79,472)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>383,691</b>	<b>964,071</b>	<b>1,374,845</b>	<b>762,167</b>	<b>397,719</b>	<b>3,882,493</b>
Other Assets						
Land & Buildings	2,630,872	378,994		10,000,000	6,400,900	19,410,766
Furniture & Fixtures	90,045	375,014	29,082	37,556	345,343	877,040
Improvements	1,987,906		12,157		896,001	2,896,064
Restricted Deposits		52,800	12,889		755,643	821,332
Transportation/Equipment	37,638	341,415		39,129	19,005	418,182
Accumulated Depreciation	(575,180)	(335,068)	(21,348)	(314,285)	(3,621,870)	(4,867,751)
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>4,171,281</b>	<b>813,155</b>	<b>32,780</b>	<b>9,762,400</b>	<b>4,795,022</b>	<b>19,574,638</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,554,972</b>	<b>1,777,226</b>	<b>1,407,625</b>	<b>10,524,567</b>	<b>5,192,741</b>	<b>23,457,131</b>

This financial report is prepared solely and exclusively on the basis of data from the financial statements of the operating entities of St. James AME Church and affiliated corporations. Please do not use related financial statements of each corporation for financial decisions regarding St. James AME Church and affiliates.

	St. James AME Church	St. James Preparatory	St. James AME Federal Credit Union	St. James Social Services	St. James Towers	Total All Corporations
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Current Liabilities						
Taxes Payable	2,853		772		35,877	39,502
Accrued Expenses	28,453	197,571		27,735	324,620	578,379
Accounts payable	83,843	171,939	14,274	11,832	230,442	512,330
Notes Payable	27,754			83,721	135,124	246,599
Prepaid Rent/Deferred Tuition			5,663	5,716	36,655	48,034
Current Mortgage	18,356					18,356
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>161,259</b>	<b>369,510</b>	<b>20,709</b>	<b>129,004</b>	<b>762,718</b>	<b>1,443,200</b>
Long Term Liabilities						
Mortgage Payable				5,232,943	4,081,855	9,314,798
Other Long Term Debt	908,934			15,186	1,103,110	2,027,230
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>908,934</b>			<b>5,248,129</b>	<b>5,184,965</b>	<b>11,342,028</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,070,193</b>	<b>369,510</b>	<b>20,709</b>	<b>5,377,133</b>	<b>5,947,683</b>	<b>12,785,228</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>						
Net Income	277,619	54,695	20,548	264,895	327,262	945,019
Shares			1,284,835			1,284,835
Reserves		154,938	56,718	933,270	(1,335,095)	(190,169)
Unrestricted Fund		1,054,338	45,361		304,559	1,404,258
Fund Balance	3,207,160	295,883	(20,546)	3,949,269	(51,668)	7,382,898
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>3,484,779</b>	<b>1,404,916</b>	<b>1,386,916</b>	<b>5,147,434</b>	<b>(754,942)</b>	<b>10,671,903</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>4,554,972</b>	<b>1,777,226</b>	<b>1,407,625</b>	<b>10,524,567</b>	<b>5,192,741</b>	<b>23,457,131</b>

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## Income Statements

	St. James AME Church	St. James Preparatory	St. James AME Federal Credit Union	St. James Social Services	St. James Towers	Total All Corporations
<b>INCOME</b>						
Tithes & Offerings	2,143,602					2,143,602
Possible Dream	196,825					196,825
Special Programs	260,829	75,067		63,721		399,617
Education/Tuition	11,722	289,086		47,809		348,617
Other Income	58,629	631,592	116,818	715,348	2,282,166	3,804,553
Investments	185	225	3,668	169	19,968	24,215
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,671,792</b>	<b>995,970</b>	<b>120,486</b>	<b>827,047</b>	<b>2,302,134</b>	<b>6,917,429</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Administrative		1,400	796	39,806	89,843	131,845
Conference	54,691					54,691
Dividends			11,139			11,139
Loans Collections			3,320			3,320
Interest & Bank Charges	73,449	85,150	4,300	3,892	249,951	416,742
Insurance	24,360		12,786	44,345	175,485	256,976
Mission & Outreach	327,944					327,944
Other Operating Expenses	360,728	105,614	20,610	36,348	221,398	744,698
Payroll, Taxes & Benefits	562,034	435,969	24,806	338,416	326,130	1,687,355
Postage	54,568	9,652	2,571	115	130	67,036
Education			2,418	650		3,068
Prep School	414,031					414,031
Professional Services	82,834	39,054	4,802	17,206	237,642	381,538
Publicity & Promotions		4,602	1,944	2530		9,076
Repair & Maintenance	70,688	9,599	2,555	59,239	310,603	452,684
Special Events & Rents	143,864	68,717				212,581
Supplies	104,035	84,353	5,038	10,952	80,727	285,105
Utilities	120,947	87,165	2,853	8,653	282,963	502,581
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,394,173</b>	<b>941,275</b>	<b>99,938</b>	<b>562,152</b>	<b>1,974,872</b>	<b>5,972,410</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>277,619</b>	<b>54,695</b>	<b>20,548</b>	<b>264,895</b>	<b>327,262</b>	<b>945,019</b>



# Numerical Statistics

1. Conversions 51

2. Accessions 517

3. Baptisms  
 A. Adults 20  
 B. Youth 13  
 C. Retirees 18  
 Total 51

4. Full Members  
 A. Adults 3040  
 B. Youth 1020  
 C. Retirees 1006  
 Total 5066

5. Registered Voters 2800

6. Widow(er)

7. Marriages Performed 20

8. Annual Conference Members  
 A. Lay Delegates 1  
 B. Itinerant Elders/Deacons 15  
 C. Local Elders/Deacons 5  
 D. Evangelist/Missionary 100  
 E. Retired Elders/Deacons —  
 F. Licentates 6  
 G. Supernumerary —  
 Total 127

9. Lay Organizations 1  
 Number of Members 107

10. Church School Ministry  
 A. Sunday School 105  
 B. Teacher/Officers 24  
 Total 129

11. Enrollment in New Life Ministries 109

12. Enrollment in Bible Studies (General, Men, Women, Youth) 550

13. Christian Learning Center 86

Episcopal District ..... First

Presiding Bishop ..... Zedekiah L. Grady

Annual Conference ..... New Jersey

Presiding Elder District ..... Newark

Name of Church ..... St. James AME Church

Pastor's Name ..... William D. Watley

Address of Church ..... 588 M L King Jr. Blvd

Conference Opening Date ..... March, 2004

Presiding Elder ..... Archie Richmond

**Day by day, as they spent much time together  
 in the temple, they broke bread at home and  
 ate their food with glad and generous hearts,  
 praising God and having the goodwill of all  
 the people. And day by day the Lord added  
 to their number those who were being saved.**

Acts 2:46-47 NRSV

# THE HISTORY OF SAINT JAMES AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. James AME Church stands majestically on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Court Street. Its Gothic architectural structure creates a commanding air of splendor and beauty that has merited a place in the annals of New Jersey's Historical Registry. Within this gothic cathedral are sixteen priceless stained glass windows which include one massive floor-to-ceiling "Rose" window. Six exquisite Tiffany windows that depict biblical history in raised relief and nine simply designed floral-patterned windows. Ornately carved mahogany spires tower over a majestic raised pulpit which faces matching pews and a rear balcony that serves as a choir loft and a resting place for a rare Skinner pipe organ. The complete structure of St. James is so unified until it creates a feeling of harmony and soaring height. Thus it is a gem of a rear architectural beauty.

Rev. C. Birch on Green Street in Newark, New Jersey organized St. James, originally known as Bethel AME Church, in 1842. It was disbanded for a period of time but was reorganized shortly thereafter under a new name, St. James AME Church. After settling temporarily in a variety of places, the trustees finally secured a building on Union Street and remained there until 1945.

On January 1, 1945, under the leadership of Rev. Mansfield P. Jackson, the present church was purchased from the Old First Presbyterian Church. The St. James congregation held their first worship service on January 7, 1945. Dedication services were held on January 14, 1945. The mortgage was paid in full on December 20, 1945 and was burned on January 13, 1946.

In the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the following ministers have served as pastor of St. James:

1950: Rev. Eustace L. Blake, 1966: Rev. D. McNeil Owens, 1979: Rev. L. Sylvester Odom, 1979: Rev. Vernon R. Byrd, who was the first pastor from St. James to be elevated to the office of bishop. In 1984, Rev. Byrd was consecrated the 105<sup>th</sup> bishop of the AME Church.

In 1984, Rev. William D. Watley ascended to the pastorate of St. James and catapulted the church to a new realm of spiritual stewardship, education, and service. Under his leadership, the Christian Learning Center was established, bible studies for men, women, youth, and the community were instituted, Wednesday noonday worship service which attracts more than 700 people was started, and the 6:00 am Sunday worship service was added. Stewardship has grown significantly so that tithing has become the method of financing the church's many ministries. In a thrust for educational excellence, St. James established a faith-based, technologically adept preparatory school, St. James Prep. St. James Social Services Corporation was formed to provide much needed social programs and the St. James Church Development Corp. promotes economic development through homeownership, entrepreneurship, and community development support.

Many new ministries have been birthed during Rev. Watley's tenure: Media Ministry (audio/television), Dance Ministry, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, New Life Ministry, Family Resource Ministry, Hope and Healing Ministry, Women's and Men's Ministries, Restoration Ministry.

**St. James AME Church... Historic Gothic Cathedral... Growing for God's Glory!**



  
**St. James Church**  
 A.M.E.



# *Schedule of Services*

## SUNDAY

6:00 am .....	Worship Service
7:30 am .....	Worship Service
9:30 am .....	Sunday School
9:30 am .....	New Life Ministry
10:45 am .....	Worship Service
11:30 am .....	Youth Church
2:30 pm .....	TV Broadcast
6:00 pm .....	TV Broadcast
6:30 pm .....	TV Broadcast
9:30 pm .....	TV Broadcast
First Sunday .....	Holy Communion
Third Sunday (quarterly) .....	Mass Baptism

## WEDNESDAY

11:00 am .....	Community Bible Study
12:00 noon .....	Sweet Hour of Praise
5:30 pm -9:00 pm .....	Youth Bible Study
6:30 pm .....	Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm .....	Pastor's Bible Study
7:30 pm (1st Wednesday) .....	Prayer Service

## THURSDAY

12:00 noon .....	Women of the World Bible Study
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## FRIDAY

6:30 pm .....	Youth Fellowship
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## SATURDAY

11:00 am (before 1st Sunday) .....	Love Feast
8:00 am .....	Men's Bible Study

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Greetings,

Please allow me this brief moment to introduce myself. I am James H. Walker, a member as St. James A.M.E. Church, Newark, New Jersey. I am intensified with excitement and much anticipation. On October 14, 2004, an estimated 1,500 guests, including community, business and church leaders, will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> pastoral anniversary of Reverend William D. Watley Ph.D., who has served 40 years in ministry.

Dr. Watley also serves as CEO and Secretary of the New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission. Your support to the Pastoral Anniversary will send a strong and positive message to the church community that we are really all God's people, regardless of race, religion, and church fellowship. It just makes good business sense, with all these folks under one roof, at one time, for any one to take out an ad or become a patron. You can list your name and the name of a friend, loved one or business associate for just \$5.00.

We only have desire to use our talents that God has blessed us with to make Pastor Watley's Anniversary a success. I am including materials so you too would understand his vision. And why it's important to us to support his dream.

*Please make check payable to:  
St. James A.M.E. Church*

*Return Original Form and Payment to:*

*St. James A.M.E. Church  
Attn: Lewis Turner/James H. Walker  
588 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey 07102-1138*





St. James A.M.E. Church  
**BEYOND EXPECTATIONS**  
Rev. William D. Watley, Ph.D.  
20 Years *Shepherding God's People*  
40 Years *Serving God's Kingdom*

Commemorative Journal  
Individual Advertising Contract

TERMS AND CONDITONS

I/we hereby authorize St. James A.M.E. Church to publish an advertisement on my/our behalf in the 2004 Pastor's Appreciation Commemorative Journal. The gala celebration will be held at the East Brunswick Hilton in East Brunswick, New Jersey on Thursday, October 14, 2004. I understand the enclosed payment guarantees that my ad will appear in the Commemorative Journal to be distributed to attendees.

1. Payment must accompany my contract.
2. My ad must be received no later than September 1, 2004.
3. Camera-ready full-page ads must be adjusted to the size of the journal (8 1/2 x 11).
4. No camera-ready artwork? St. James will prepare my ad (text only).

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Advertiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicited by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check desired level of sponsorship  
Attach message and/or high-resolution artwork.

<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Gold Ad	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Purple Ad	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Ad	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Ad	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page Ad	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$5

There is an additional charge of \$15.00 for photographs. Photographs must be black and white, glossy and sized to your ad journal page size request.

Photograph included? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

Fifteen dollar (\$15.00) photograph fee submitted? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

Make check payable to St. James A.M.E. Church

Return original form and payment to:  
St. James A.M.E. Church  
Attn: Delores Johnson/Lois Richardson  
588 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

*Keep a copy of contract for your records*